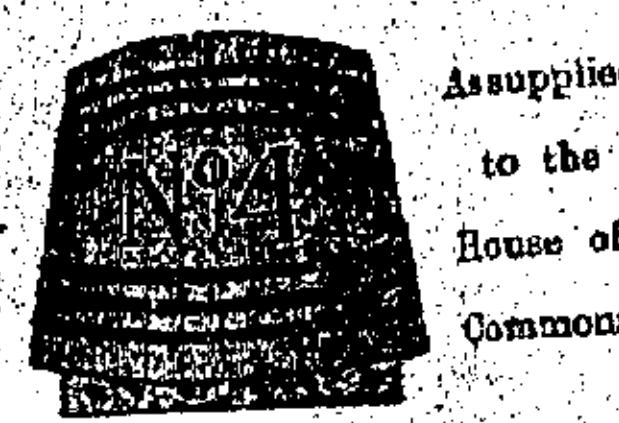


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SPORTING.
League Cricket.

The match, Hongkong "B" versus
Telegraph, in the above League was played
on the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground
this afternoon. The Telegraph went in
first, and at time of going to press had
knocked up 117 for nine wickets, of which
Mr Oliver had made 60 not out.

LAWN TENNIS.

Yesterday's matches in connection with
the Hongkong Cricket Club's lawn tennis
tournaments resulted as follows:-

Singles Handicap. "B" Class.—Second
round: A. R. Sutherland (ows 15/3)
vs. o. F. S. Montith (ows 15); Capt.
Garrett (ows 30) beat K. Fraund (receiver
15) 6/2, 8/6; P. Jackson (receiver 2/6) beat
F. Hicks (ows 15) 6/3, 6/3, 0/3.

Doubles Handicap. "B" Class.—Second
round: Lieut. Thompson and Lieut.
Baguill (ows 4/6) beat R. P. Carter and
F. Goldthorpe (ows 3/6) 6/4, 7/5; C. D.
Franklin and W. E. Warburton (ows 3/6)
beat W. King and W. H. Purcell (ows
5/0) 6/4, 6/3; Lieut. Anderson and
Lieut. Wedd (ows 4/6) beat E. C.
Oliver and R. E. H. Oliver (ows
3/6) 6/2, 8/6; A. O. Brown and L. L.
Bretton (ows 15/2) beat A. Shulter and W.
Ironside (ows 15) 6/0, 9/7, 6/4.

Professional Pairs.—Third round: Capt.
Murray and Lieut. Thompson beat R. E. H.
Oliver and W. E. Warburton 6/1, 6/2.

On Monday H. Hancock will meet C. A.
Carr at 5 p.m. in the third round of the
singles handicap, while at 4.30 Capt.
Beasley and A. Humphreys will face one
another to decide who shall appear in the
semi-final of the championship singles.

THE VARSITY "SOCCER" MATCH.
The thirty-sixth inter-Varsity "soccer"
match finished up with a draw of 1 goal
each, at Queen's Club, on Feb. 20th,
which was just about what it should have
been.

Playing against the sun, but with the
wind, Oxford scored in the first five
minutes. Seyer putting in a shot that Pink-
ham had no earthly hope of stopping.
Much of the credit of the goal belonged to
Reynolds, who made a smart run and centre.
Squier equalised ten minutes later, after
Appleton had saved a hot shot from Bache.

After that, however, the game tailed off.
Oxford, on the whole, had the best of the
first half, and Cambridge of the second.

The game was tremendously fast, if not
bowlidiously clever, one side being in
jocular one minute and attacking strongly
the next. Both goal-keepers were ex-
tremely fine, and one shot of Appleton's
in the second half—a runner in the left-
hand corner—was up to any international

standard. The forwards on both sides just missed
the proper shot in front of goal, and missed
opportunities by continually shooting
a little too high. W. B. Harris was the
best and fastest forward on the field. Al-
together, partitions of both sides were dis-
appointed, for either goal might so easily
have won. Mr. W. G. Edwards, who was
playing for Oxford, is a brother of Mr. G.
H. Edwards of Hongkong. The teams
were:

Oxford: A. J. Weston, F. N. Tuff,
L. G. D. Marshall, G. E. Clarke (Cap-
tain), W. C. Edwards, J. G. Bickerstaff,
F. Harris, A. Berry, H. J. C. Peare,
D. H. Seward and R. C. Marler.

Cambridge: G. P. Pilkham, V. G. Thew,
G. H. D. Marshall, F. H. Hooper,
D. W. Weston, A. E. Herman, V. Ed-
ward, G. C. B. Bache, C. E. Edwards, and W. B. Harris.

At the end of the game, a public speech
was made by Mr. Edwards, one of the great
sportsmen of the day.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at NOON, MONDAY, the 5th April, 1909, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd day of March to the 5th day of April, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELY,
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 17, 1909.

GEO. P. LAMMERT
AUCTIONEER.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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THE Steamship PRINZ SIGISMUND, Captain M. MACLAFLAN, having arrived at the above Port, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point Godowns, where delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 7th March will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1909. 468

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Co., Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 7th March will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned or before the 14th inst., or they will not be recognized.

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Notices to Consignees.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship INDRANI, Captain M. MACLAFLAN, having arrived at the above Port, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point Godowns, where delivery may be obtained.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th of April, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 12th of April, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 2, 1909. 466

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER DEVANHA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNNEES of cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on cargo:—

From LONDON, &c., s.s. Marmora.

From TURKISH GULF, ex B.I.S.M. and B.P.S.M. ex s.s. Steamer.

Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Godown closed by the 7th April, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th April, will be subject to rent.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th April, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent in to me or before the 6th April, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 6th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPOMIN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 31, 1909. 464

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER ERNEST SIMONE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNNEES of cargo from LONDON or s.s. Malapan; from HAVRE ex s.s. Malapan; from BORDEAUX ex s.s. V. de la Marne, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before 11 a.m., To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 6th April, at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me or before the 6th April, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 6th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPOMIN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 29, 1909. 489

INDOCHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamer Lassang, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from godowns.

Cargo impeding the discharge or loading on board after 4 p.m., the 21st March, will be landed at Consignee's risk and charge.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 30, 1909. 444

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(Wah Tui Yat Po's Service)

PEKING, April 2.

The Liao river has overflowed its banks, doing much damage to Teling, near Mukden. All the railways of the district are under water.

GAMBLING IN KWAN-

TUNG.

(Wah Tui Yat Po's Service)

PEKING, April 2.

The Metropolitan officials from Kwangtung have petitioned the Throne that revenue be no longer raised from gambling in their native province.

TO PREVENT CORRUPT-

TION.

(Wah Tui Yat Po's Service)

PEKING, April 2.

The Prince Regent has directed the Board of Law to draw up regulations to guard officials against acquiring interests in commercial concerns.

MACAO-CANTON

RAILWAY.

(Wah Tui Yat Po's Service)

PEKING, April 2.

The Portuguese Minister has agreed to the Canton-Macao railway being constructed by Chinese merchants. The Board of Foreign Affairs and the Board of Communications are arranging for the cancellation of the present railway convention, so that the projected line may be taken over.

ANOTHER TRANSIT TAX.

(Wah Tui Yat Po's Service)

PEKING, April 2.

The Board of Communications is discussing with Yenoy Tuan Fang the advisability of imposing a duty on goods conveyed by railway in order to make good the losses sustained by the Shanghai Ning-po railway.

DOUBLING THE OPIUM

TAX.

(Wah Tui Yat Po's Service)

PEKING, April 2.

The Board of Finance has resolved to double the tax on opium.

MARRIAGE OF MISS

WITCHELL.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised in St John's Cathedral this morning, the contracting parties being Mr Kenneth K. Wilson, of Yokohama, and Miss Lillian Mary Witchell, daughter of Mr J. Witchell, of the Green Island Cement Company, Hongkong. The Rev. F. T. Johnson was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful gown made by Madame Flint. It was of white satin de soie, trimmed with Brussels lace and white ribbon and finished with a spray of orange blossoms. Her charming shower bouquet was presented by Madame Flint.

There were two bridesmaids, Miss Edie Witchell (sister of the bride) and Miss Minnie Lambert. They were beautiful ivory white silk dresses, and their leather hats were trimmed with forget-me-nots and daisies. Both carried choice bouquets. Mr. J. J. Blackburn was "best man." Mr. Denman Fuller was at the organ and rendered appropriate Wedding music.

Subsequent to the ceremony there was a reception at the Hongkong Hotel, Mr and Mrs. Witchell being the host and hostess. The wedding cake was supplied by Messrs. Bandone.

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GRAPH.

The Victoria Cinematograph contains all colors, which says much for the enterprise of the managers and the popularity of the place. Nightly seated audiences attend the entertainment provided, and enthusiasm is keen and sustained. New films are constantly being imported, and patrons are able to witness the latest productions in this new field of spectacular display. To-night several new pictures will be shown, and the programme will include "Red Tapestry," "The Sorceress of Abony," "The Red Skin King," "My Daughter will Marry a Teasing Man," and several other stories of a comic and tragic character. In addition to the pictures the popular artistes Steve Adcox and Jessie Thorne will present their talents. As singer and dancer these artistes have given great pleasure to patrons and they have been here and enjoyed special and pleasant accommodations and contributions to the amusement of the public are highly appreciated.

ADMISSION TO CINEMATOGRAPH IN THIS THEATRE IS FREE, AND NO ADMITMENT FEE IS CHARGED.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.

The twenty-sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., was held at the company's office, St. George's Building, 6, Connaught Road, to-day.

Mr. R. Shawan presided and there were present Messrs H. P. White, A. V. Arcan, Dr. J. W. Noble, consulting committee; and Messrs A. G. Gordon, C. Kline, R. C. Walker, A. Temperley, H. F. Campbell, A. V. Cordeiro, and Mr. G. Moffatt, secretary.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—We now lay before you the report and accounts for 1908, copies of which have been in your hands for some time. I regret that we have to again come before you with a poor shew for the year's work, but the same tale is being told by all shipping companies all over the world, and we cannot expect to be an exception. We all know that the trade of the world has shrunk in the last two years, but unfortunately for us the supply of tonnage has not shrunk equally rapidly, and until supply and demand are better adjusted than they are at present we cannot expect to see any improvement in freights. Our earnings in 1908 were, however, rather more than in 1907 in spite of a heavy falling off in the cattle trade, but this was more than offset by increased expenses, as our coal bill, owing to the drop in the value of the dollar, was some \$17,000 higher, our portage bill, our offices being all paid in sterling, was for the same reason nearly \$3,000 more, while repairs were about \$3,000 in excess of last year, a total of say \$30,000 that turned to profit on working tonnage of 18,000 into close this year of \$3,000. But as I said a twelve-months ago, we must be disheartened; we are only going through a cycle of bad trade; the present condition of shipping is abnormal and will change as trade revives and surplus tonnage is worked off. We have seen bad times and worse before, and will see them again, I suppose, but we have also seen good times and will see them too again and before very long I think. I suppose I shall be twitted with optimism and be told that I have no good grounds for it. Well in Scotland we say that facts are "chiefs that wins dares," so let me read in the *Intercourse* for last week, dated 27th February, "The world's revenue freights were again good, income averaging \$5,255.37. Receipting from Manila last there are thirty-three working days of the fiscal year remaining, and if the revenue for this period were to come at the same daily average as last week's receipts gave, March 31st would see the Chancellor of the Exchequer possessed of some \$2,000,000 more than the estimate of last April. In other words, it would only require an average daily income of less than \$20,000 to fully cover the estimate, whereas last week's daily average receipts amounted to \$278,000. These are facts, and last night's telegram says that on 31st March it is only \$292,000. Consider these, and shew that the long sought-for improvement is setting in at home at last. May I also mention the following facts for the benefit of the pessimists who are never tired of prophesying the ruin of England and England's trade. Hongkong of course disappears with the rest. At the annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce held in London on 2nd March the President, alluding to the fiscal question, said: "We continued to expert largely to protectionism, but Sir J. W. G. Gordon seconded and the position was carried."

Mr. J. W. Noble seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

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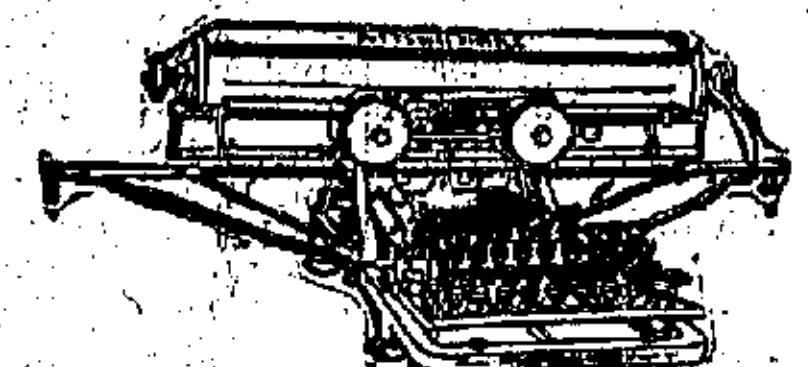
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RAMBLING NOTES.

I suppose that if Hongkong had possessed such an association as a Society of East Anglians we should have had an Omar Khayyam dinner on Wednesday, in celebration of the centenary of Edward Fitzgerald. I don't mind wagering that one of the best known quotations in the English language at the present moment is the quatrain:

A book of verses underneath the bough
A jug of wine, a loaf of bread—and thou—
Beside me singing in the wilderness—
Oh, wilderness were Paradise now!

How often has it not been quoted and parodied during the last quarter of a century, yet old Omar was man of might in the days when William the Conqueror was turning England into an appanage of Normandy. But we don't quote William's choice morsels of satire and camp-fire wit nowadays, do we? Again it proves that the pen is mightier than the sword, for, in the words of Bulwer Lytton, "where is now the Norman?" As for Omar his philosophy is still going strong and flourishes amazingly.

Omar delighted in the good things of this life, and he loved to lose his lingers in the tissues of "the cypress-blended Minstrel of Wine," but all the same he was no debauchee. No wine, no seduced brain gave expression to such thoughts as these—

Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and saint, and heard great argument
About it and about, but evermore

Came out by the same door wherein I went.

With them the seed of wisdom did I sow,
And with my own hand wrought to make it grow,

And this was all the harvest that I reaped—

"I came like water, and like wind I go."

Into this universe, and what not knowing,
Nor whence, like water, I myself flowing;

And out of it, as water, willy-nilly flowing;

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